



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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### NOTICE

As required by the *Code of Virginia* and the Commission on Local Government, the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) is conducting assessments on three mandates the Department administers that affect local governments. As listed in the Commission's "Catalog of State and Federal Mandates on Local Governments," the three are Prevention of Internet Crimes Against Children, De-Certification of Law Enforcement Officers, and Training Standards for Criminal Justice Personnel.

The Commission on Local Government defines the Prevention of Internet Crimes Against Children Program, a grant program that supports localities' efforts to investigate these crimes, as a mandate because it includes a "non-discretionary condition of aid." In other words, there are conditions localities must agree to in order to receive funding. De-Certification of Law Enforcement Officers and Training Standards for Criminal Justice Personnel are defined as mandates because each is a "compulsory order."

The assessment period for these mandates is August 1–October 31. During that period, localities, at their option, may submit comments to DCJS about the mandates, for example, about their purpose and effectiveness, their importance to public safety, their fiscal impact, and whether alternative approaches should be considered. We will reference these comments in the assessments we prepare and submit to the Commission after October 31.

Comments should be e-mailed to Joe Marshall at DCJS, at [joe.marshall@dcjs.virginia.gov](mailto:joe.marshall@dcjs.virginia.gov). Please be sure to identify the locality submitting the comment and the mandate being commented upon.

Localities may also provide more specific fiscal impact information if they wish, using a form prepared by the Commission. You may request the form by contacting Mr. Marshall at the address noted above, or it can be downloaded via a link on the Commission's website: [www.dhcd.virginia.gov/index.php/commission-on-local-government/mandates-on-local-governments/agency-assessment-of-mandates.html](http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/index.php/commission-on-local-government/mandates-on-local-governments/agency-assessment-of-mandates.html). Fiscal impact forms should be e-mailed to Mr. Marshall.

Submitting any comments or fiscal impact information on a mandate is not required and is solely at the option of the locality.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Marshall by e-mail at the address noted previously, or at 804-786-1577.